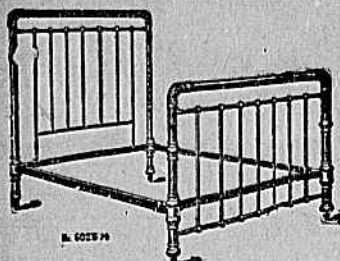


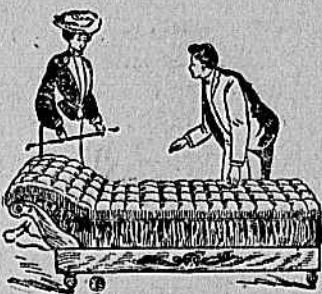
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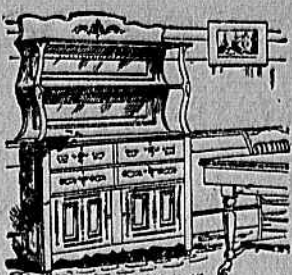
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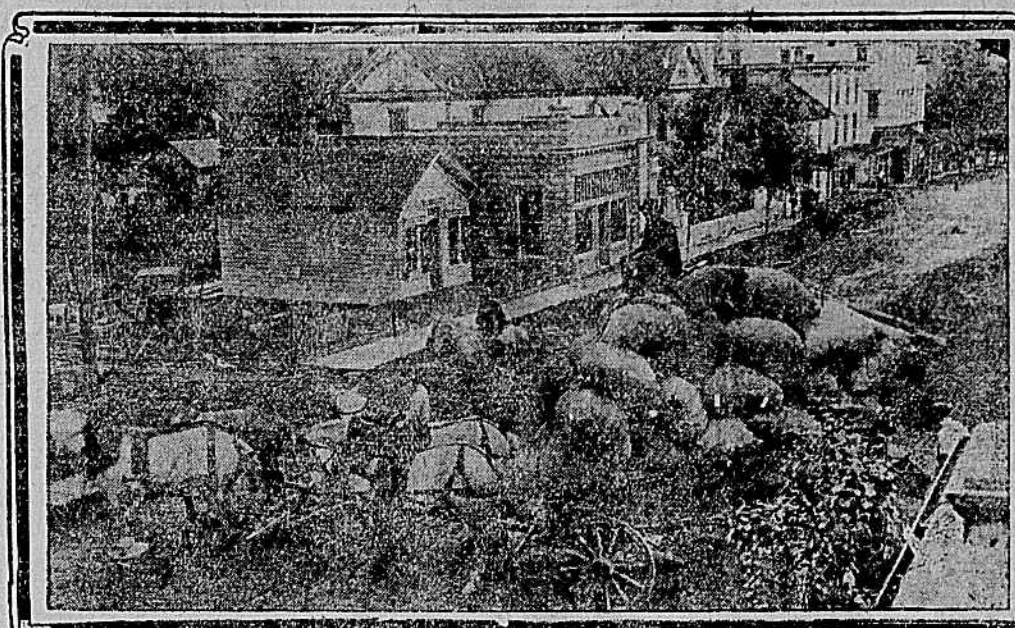
afford a most excellent location for a highway such as is proposed. Its western terminus would, of course, have to be determined by available finances, but whether it be Monterey, the gem of the mountains; the beautiful Greenbrier Valley, top of Cheat Mountain or Parkersburg, no more picturesque or attractive route could be found, and the staggering monetary consideration thus added to the original scheme is more than offset by the inducements offered and by the undeniable claim that the most attractive portion of such a mammoth tourists' highway would be that west of Staunton.

This famous old thoroughfare through the Virginia mountains was, in the main, located by the noted Frenchman, Claudius Crozet, and is a marvel of engineering skill. At only a few points does the maximum grade exceed three degrees, and, viewed from any of the several mountain tops, it resembles a monster serpent, its huge, graceful coils reaching from spur to spur, and encircling the deep, intervening 'gorges.' Such a route might make the timid dizzy at times, but the real tourist, the lover of nature in all her magnificence and primitive beauty, would go wild with enthusiasm.

Aside from the natural scenery along the route, there are the battlefields of McDowell and Alleghany, added to which might be mentioned the presence of all sorts of game, the splendid trout streams, all of which suggest most delightful ideas of a rest or a "day off" in one of the numerous mountain towns—some of them already famous as summer resorts.

The idea of this great mountain thoroughfare being converted into an easy and popular highway is not a new one, but the plan has never gotten beyond the theoretical or air-castle period. The fact that such a scheme must necessarily be associated with a source of adequate means has given rise to the opinion, expressed by some, that with the proper influence, extensive government aid could be obtained. In fact, the idea of an out-and-out national highway has fre-

ALONG THE PICTURESQUE PIKE



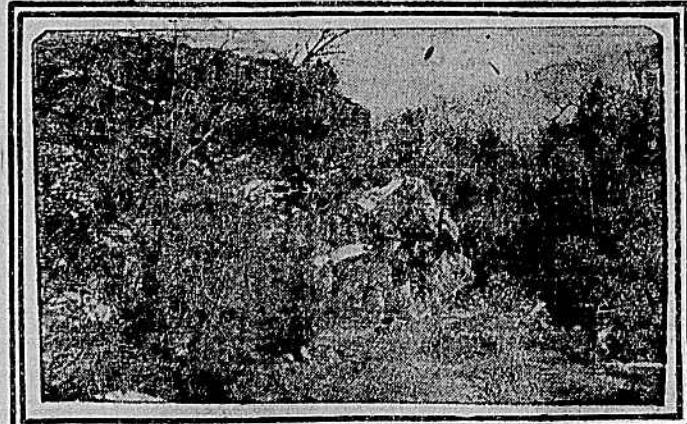
STREET SCENE IN MONTEREY.

Lord of Wood, 3,500 feet, ready for its long journey over the Staunton and Parkersburg 'Pike' to shipping point at Harlow, on the Greenbrier.

from the engine. A desperate effort was made to extinguish the flames, but it was of no avail. Seeing that it was impossible to stop the fire, the men turned their attention to the feed cutter, but failed to save it. The barn was covered by insurance.

Libraries Supplied.

The following points in the State have been supplied with libraries from the Department of Traveling Libraries of the State Library within the past two weeks: Cartersville, Cumberland county; Gate City, Scott county; Quaker School, Campbell county; Prospect, Prince Edward county; Clarksville, Mecklenburg county; Pamplin City, Appomattox county; Claudeville, Patrick county; Victoria, Lunenburg county; Surry Courthouse, Surry county; Franktown, Northampton county;



"Standing Rock," near McDowell and Monterey.



CLUBHOUSE ON CHEAT MOUNTAIN.

quently been advanced, the visionaries making the possibility of such a plan contingent upon the aforesaid influence, and claiming that the vested interests of scores of millionaire lumbermen and timber brokers in the Alleghany and Cheat Mountain districts would aid in such manipulations and negotiations.

Certain it is, the old pike affords all the "rudimentals," and the creative mind could not have conceived a more picturesque route or one surpassed in magnificent natural scenery.

Shrew." Misses Burmeister and Hutfines in the difficult pieces they rendered proved themselves masters of the piano and showed themselves artists. Miss Conner, accompanied by Miss Dakota, Guerrant, rendered admirably several selections on the violin.

Reception at Blackstone.

BLACKSTONE, VA., December 5.—From 8 to 10 P. M. on Saturday, the 25th, at the home of Mrs. B. E. Cobb, a reception was held in honor of Messrs. Tom Etheridge, of Norfolk, and D. M. Doid, of New York. Messrs. Etheridge and Doid are classmates of Ben and Wesley Cobb at William and Mary College, and came up with them to spend Thanksgiving.

Barn and Feed Destroyed.

PEACH BOTTOM, VA., December 5.—Mr. Chapman Rector, a prominent and prosperous farmer of this place, had his horse and cattle barn and a large quantity of feed burned yesterday. Mr. Rector was having his fodder cut and stowed in his barn when a large rick of fodder standing against the barn was set on fire by sparks

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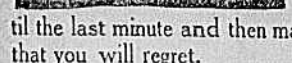
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Necklaces, \$0.00 to \$50.00.
Cameo Brooches, \$5.00 to \$35.00.
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